MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

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SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

INVOCATION:
Dorothy Mogavero of Crestwood Christian Fellowship gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Planning Division Manager Gilli, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. RETIREMENT OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR
Councilmember Orach read Resolution No. 2015-100 recognizing and commending Solid Waste Supervisor Billy W. Brown for more than 40 years of exemplary public service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2015-100 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2015-100 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR BILLY W. BROWN FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE.

Utilities Director Springer thanked Mr. Brown for his positive attitude and commitment to the City.

City Manager Haydon thanked Mr. Brown for his service and commented that Mr. Brown epitomized the type of employees the City of Santa Maria has - professional with a strong sense of integrity.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Susan Kurdi, representing a hookah lounge business in town, spoke about her concern with another hookah lounge opening near her business and the potential competition between the two that could hurt both businesses.

David Bickham and Hank the Turkey, representing the Good Samaritan Shelter, reminded everyone about the annual turkey drive. They invited people to donate a frozen turkey at the KCOY studio on Skyway, Thursday, November 19, anytime from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The turkeys will go toward feeding the homeless during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Virginia Souza, representing Buena Vista Beautifiers, spoke in opposition to the removal of eucalyptus and sycamore trees in Buena Vista Park. She encouraged the Recreation and Parks Department to prune and trim the trees instead.

Jeanne Sparks, representing Buena Vista Beautifiers, spoke in opposition to the removal of trees in Buena Vista Park. She suggested exploring the possibility of pruning the trees for safety during the expected El Niño rains. She also expressed concern over trees in her neighborhood that need watering.

Director of Utilities Springer gave an update on the City's water conservation efforts through the month of October. To date, the City has saved 370 million gallons of water. The goal for October was to conserve 16 percent, however conservation fell to 14 percent. Mr. Springer encouraged the community to consider reducing outside watering with the recent rains, colder winter months, and shorter days.

Councilmember Waterfield asked how water conservation affects revenues to the City.

Director of Utilities Springer responded that a reduction in water use is a reduction in sales to the Enterprise Fund. Staff has been asked to defer or delay any expenses out of the fund for now.

City Manager Haydon announced that Fire Chief Orr had taken another position in the state of Washington and his last day with the City would be November 27, 2015. He acknowledged Chief Orr's accomplishments over the years and indicated that during his tenure the number of response stations in the Department had doubled and that he is to be credited for establishing initiatives such as the CERTS and LISTOS programs. He also thanked Chief Orr for his 14 years of service with the City.

The City Council acknowledged Fire Chief Orr's participation with Good Samaritan Shelter, Serve Santa Maria, and the annual employee barbecue. They also recalled the success of the LISTOS program in educating the community about fire and fire safety; and thanked Chief Orr for his work and coordination helping the fire victims of the 2014 Town Center Hotel fire.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Waterfield recused herself from voting on Items 3D (Warrants), due to a conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3F (except Item 3D) were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Calendar Item 3D (Warrants), was approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Boysen, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Waterfield

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the regular Meeting of the City Council of November 3, 2015, were approved as submitted.

C. RELEASE OF BONDS – SIENA AT WESTGATE STREET TREES
The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Siena at Westgate, Tract 5892, and authorized the release of the Faithful Performance Bond for Street Trees (No. 10477251) in the amount of $11,495 posted in the form of a Surety to guarantee the installation of 62 street and easement trees.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 196638 to 196904 totaling $2,242,919.25 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 189218, 189380, and 196614 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13 PARK HOURS AND CLOSED CITY FACILITIES
The City Council conducted the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-13 amending Section 10-3.205 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code relating to park hours and closed city facilities.

Ordinance No. 2015-13 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 10-3.205 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARK HOURS AND CLOSED CITY FACILITIES.

4. HOMETOWN HERO MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM PRESENTATION. Recreation and Parks Director Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The Hometown Hero Military Banner Program will be coordinated by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The program will recognize Santa Maria residents who have served in one or more of the military branches. Each banner will be mounted to a streetlight pole along south College Drive for a six-month duration. The City will provide the mounting brackets. The cost of each banner will be $500. Families and civic organizations are encouraged to purchase a banner and each banner will be presented at a Council meeting. At the end of the six-month period, the banner will be returned to the family or organization as a keepsake momento. Anyone interested in purchasing a banner may contact the American Legion, VFW, or the Recreation and Parks Department.

Councilmember Waterfield asked who would receive the $500.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada responded that the money would support either the American Legion or VFW that would go to pay for the banner and the mounting of it.

Mayor Patino asked why College Drive was chosen to display the banners and whether the banners would be made locally.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada responded that College Drive is a City managed roadway and permitting is easily accessible through the Public Works Department. He added the banners were being made in Santa Maria.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD TO THE SANTA MARIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. California Highway Patrol (CHP) Lieutenant Alex Carrillo began the presentation by announcing his plans to retire after 31 years with the CHP. He thanked the City Council and City staff for their support and collaboration over the years. He then introduced Assistant Chief, L.D. Maples, and Chief Reginald Chappelle. Chief Chappelle presented the 2014 Special Recognition Award to the Santa Maria Police Department. He explained that the Award was in recognition of the most innovative traffic safety programs. During the last six years, the City of Santa Maria Police Department has won the award three times, which is remarkable as they compete with over 400 other agencies. Santa Maria Police Sergeant Streker and Police Chief Martin accepted the award.

6. DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) 2015 AMENDMENTS. Community Development Director Appel gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The purpose of the DTSP is to create a unique plan for the City of Santa Maria that provides a culturally rich environment; a safer inviting pedestrian area; and an area with diverse entertainment opportunities. The strategy to achieve these goals was divided into a three-pronged approach: 1) activities, 2) partnership, and 3) beautification.

Planning Division Manager Gilli presented several options for activities, with an emphasis on weekly events. In March 2016, staff plans to launch a weekly Friday night event and is asking for an appropriation of $45,000 to help finance some of the costs. The money would be used toward the purchase of a stage, tents, tables, chairs, a generator, and other items specific to the event. Labor would be spearheaded by Ed Carcarey of MEGA 97.1 radio station. Current Wednesday Farmers Market vendors have committed to participating in the Friday night weekly event. Hancock College has a first Friday event each month and those vendors have offered to participate, as well.

Beautification will involve a streetscape plan to improve the roads and staff plans to apply for a Caltrans grant in 2016 to help cover the costs of the plan.

The Downtown permit process through the Community Development Department will focus on a concierge style customer service in an effort to attract partnerships and make the process a pleasant experience for the applicant. Incentives such as façade improvement funds, waived/reduced permit fees, or deferred impact fees will be offered to business owners who choose to improve their store front. The permit process is expected to be quick for most applicants while allowing City staff to review each prospective business. A two-year review process has been included in the plan which will allow staff to evaluate how the plan is working.

Councilmember Boysen asked how much money had been applied for on the streetscape grant.

Community Development Director Appel responded that the amount was $250,000.

Councilmember Waterfield asked what type of businesses had been inquiring with the Department.

Planning Division Manager Gilli responded that the businesses were retail stores, restaurants, and development projects. Renters wanting to do revisions to their property would be required to speak first with the property owner.

Written Communications
Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz indicated that City staff received one written communication from Michael Parry, President of G. A. Hancock Properties. Mr. Parry's letter supports the 2015 Update of the Downtown Specific Plan, but had concerns about the language involving "Reuse Projects," and the requirement for a DTSP Permit. He indicated that the requirement for a DTSP Permit would be an obstacle for new tenants and landlords when occupying a vacant space or making minor changes to tenant spaces. He suggested deleting the language entirely relating to a DTSP Permit for tenant spaces in the DTSP area under 5,000 square feet. He also suggested language be added to the DTSP regarding the cost of the permit, the timeline on how long the permit process would take, and the paperwork burden to be placed on tenants and property owners required to obtain a DTSP Permit.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Ed Carcarey, representing MEGA 97.1, commented on how pleased he is with the customer service in the Santa Maria Planning Department. He stated he looks forward to the partnership improving the Downtown.

Glenn Morris, representing Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, commented that he and the Chamber supported the 2015 Downtown Plan Update and looked forward to the continued partnership.

Laurie Tamura, representing Urban Planning Concepts, thanked the Council and City staff for streamlining the DTSP document. She expressed concern over the reuse of existing buildings asking why a new shop would need to apply for a permit in the same space an old shop existed. She stated she was happy staff was willing to do a two-year review to evaluate the feedback of the process. She asked why the Town Center Mall and Town Center West needed to go through the permit process when they are already existing and have gone through the permit process. She also suggested giving the 2015 DTSP a different look from the 2008 DTSP so people could distinguish the two.

Jeffrey Weinstein, a local architect, commented that he agreed with the Downtown Plan, in particular, the improved pedestrian friendly environment. He recommended slowing traffic for two blocks each direction from the original center at Broadway and Main Street. He also suggested using empty storefronts to attract younger populations by placing businesses in them that focus on internet cafes, artist studios, entrepreneurs, fashion designers, architects, musicians, photographers, etc.

With no other requests to speak, Mayor Patino closed the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Council Discussion
Councilmember Boysen expressed a concern on the prohibitive uses listed in the DTSP and stated he would like to see more flexibility going forward with the plan. He mentioned tattoo parlors and a thrift store vs. consignment store, for example.

Planning Division Manager Gilli responded that the list was created to screen businesses and potential locations. Staff would be happy to remove items from the list at Council's request and then consider potentially controversial businesses on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Patino commented that she was concerned about having too much flexibility in the list of allowed businesses as it could result in unwanted businesses in the area.

Councilmember Zuniga asked if changes to the list could be made in the future or if uses needed to be determined at this meeting.

Director of Community Development Appel responded there is always the possibility to make changes to the document citing the Jordan's car wash item previously approved by Council.

Councilmember Orach stated he was comfortable moving forward with the item as presented. Issues that arise in the future would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Ordinance No. 2015-14 was introduced for first reading, and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, approving the 2015 Update to the Downtown Specific Plan, on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2015-101 was adopted authorizing the appropriation of $45,000 from the General Fund Reserves for the Downtown Weekly Events, on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS ORDINANCE. City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The Santa Maria Municipal Code provides guidelines on the use of fireworks within the City limits. Recently residents have voiced concerns over excessive firework noise in City neighborhoods. Despite the fact that safe and sane fireworks are sold in permitted fireworks booths, illegal fireworks usage has increased dramatically.

Staff has met with concerned residents and developed an action plan to include enhanced enforcement, changes to the Municipal Code, and enhanced public education/outreach. He stated that the State Fire Marshall curtailed enforcement of fireworks at the Stateline creating increased calls for police service on the July 4th holiday. The Police Department has to prioritize incoming calls during the holiday and those of a more urgent nature are responded to first. In addition, when police do respond to a fireworks incident, frequently, the person who set them off is no longer at the scene.

Staff is proposing three possible solutions. The first would be to create a Public Safety Fireworks Task Force using police personnel from the Community Services Unit, Fire Prevention staff, Code Compliance staff, and the City Rangers. This task force will conduct "sting" operations by following up on sales of illegal fireworks on Craigslist and citing the seller for $1,000. Staff has been given a list of addresses of fireworks offenders in the City and the task force will put those residents on notice.

Another solution will be the use of 3rd party citations. A resident (along with a witness) will be able to call the City to complain. A designated City staff person would be deployed to take down the information and ticket the offender.

Staff also discussed changing the Municipal Code to specifically limit fireworks usage to 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. only on July 4th. Currently, fireworks are allowed from June 28th through noon July 5th.

In addition, staff proposes raising the fee for a booth permit that sells safe and sane fireworks from $183 to $500.

Educational outreach will include a *Respect Your Neighbors* campaign with yard signs and literature distribution. A pet safety campaign will be put together which would provide temporary kennels, pet calming medications, and a collaboration with animal services allowing assistance to pet owners who have lost pets due to fireworks noise. Media outreach will include public service announcements, door hangers and literature.

Council Questions

Councilmember Waterfield commented that the booth fee increase would seem to penalize non-profits who rely on the income as part of their fundraising activities during the year.

City Manager Haydon responded that, given the cost of the holiday each year, the City has actually been undercharging booth holders the past several years. For example, in 2014, the City spent over $12,000 in the enforcement of safe and sane fireworks; but only received $183 per booth.

Councilmember Zuniga asked if it would be possible to collect that financing via the fines and fees that will be collected when the new policies are put into place.

City Manager Haydon responded that included in the Ordinance is restitution to recuperate the cost for handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of illegal fireworks. Part of this process will involve

purchasing a Type II storage facility to safeguard the fireworks until they can be destroyed. The costs to carry out the process warrant the increased booth fees. To make an adjustment to the booth permit fee, an appropriate method would be to adjust the fee by the CPI.

Councilmember Boysen asked for clarification that fireworks will be allowed until 11:00 p.m. July 4th, but as stated, the Ordinance allows the sale of fireworks until July 5th.

City Manager Haydon responded that State Law allows the sale of fireworks through noon on July 6th. Council has the discretion to restrict the timeframe.

There were no written communications.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 8:21 p.m.

Debbie Warren commented that she and her neighbors were very encouraged with the way City staff was making an effort to resolve the fireworks situation and indicated that the actions taken by City staff has far exceeded their expectations. She stated the group is always available to work further with staff.

Hearing no other requests to speak, Mayor Patino closed the Public Hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Council Discussion
Councilmember Boysen asked that the use of fireworks and the sale of fireworks be more consistently set.

Councilmembers Waterfield and Zuniga expressed their interest in restating the Resolution regarding booth permit fees to include the CPI index.

Mayor Patino pointed out the additional cost to the City, effective January 1, 2016, requiring 65 percent of administrative fines collected from illegal fireworks to be paid to the State Fire Marshal. She also asked if it was the City's responsibility to dispose of seized fireworks.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco responded that the State Fire Marshal is responsible for the disposal of the fireworks.

Councilmember Waterfield asked how the City disposed of fireworks in the past.

City Manager Haydon responded that the last time fireworks were seized, two pallets worth were involved and disposal required collaboration with the State Fire Marshall. The State had received a grant that assisted with the cost. Without that grant, the City would have had to pay $40,000 for transportation and disposal.

Ordinance No. 2015-15 was introduced for first reading, and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, amending provisions of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to create third-party administrative citations; authorize cost recovery from violators for storing, handling, transportation and fund disposal of seized illegal fireworks; permit storage of safe and sane fireworks at fireworks booths, if secured; and limit the hours that safe and sane fireworks may be used, as amended to only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2015-102 was adopted approving an increase in the cost of a fireworks booth permit for the sale of fireworks from $183 to $500, as amended to adjust the annual fee based on CPI, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 3-2

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, and Zuniga
NOES:	Councilmember Waterfield and Mayor Patino
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

City Manager Haydon asked for community volunteers to help identify individuals using illegal fireworks so the City can send out the appropriate notices. The City will do everything it can to publicize the new policies to create awareness.

8. RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS. Mayor Patino indicated that, at staff's request, this item was being continued to the City Council meeting of December 1, 2015, and comments from the public would be heard during the Public Hearing at that time.

9. SANTA MARIA TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. Deputy City Manager Stilwell introduced Glenn Morris, President and CEO of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce who gave a presentation on the proposed Santa Maria Tourism Improvement District (TID). A TID works by collecting fees paid by local hotels/motels to apply to marketing through a Destination Marketing Organization. Benefits from establishing a TID include the fact that the funds must be spent on designated programs dedicated to bringing people into the community. The program is designed, created, and governed by those who will pay the assessment and allows for partnerships with local industry.

The steps to form a TID begin with a petition drive asking hoteliers to sign on and support the TID. The next step is to pass a Resolution of Intent (being presented this evening) followed by a public hearing, and adoption of a Resolution of Formation. The expected annual budget from the TID would be about $600,000 of which 75 percent would go into marketing and less than 20 percent into administration. All aspects of the program must be designed to generate increased room night sales at hotels in Santa Maria.

The boundaries of the TID would be the City of Santa Maria, all lodging businesses would participate, the assessment rate would be two percent of room rental rate, and the term would be for five years. This five year cycle allows for renewal of the TID or dissolution should the hoteliers decide not to continue. The TID will be managed by the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Bureau.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz reported that the City Clerk's Office conducted the petition process and received the petitions as a neutral party to protect proprietary information retained by the City. The deadline to receive Petitions was 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd. By the close of business on that day, the Clerk's Office received 8 Petitions from lodging businesses. Fifty percent plus one was required to bring the item to the City Council for consideration. The Petitions were weighted based upon the Transient Occupancy Tax paid by each lodging business in Santa Maria. The 8 Petitions represent **74.56** percent of the total district assessment. The majority allows the Council to initiate the proceedings for the District formation.

Council Questions

Councilmember Boysen asked if, based on the petition report, 26 percent voted no on the item.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz responded that the other 26 percent were not counted as part of the vote. Only petitions that were received were counted.

Councilmember Boysen asked to see what has happened to the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) in other jurisdictions when they adopted their TID and he asked to see a budget of expected Chamber expenses.

Mr. Morris responded that Chamber staff was in the process of collecting TOT information from other cities and would share the information as soon as it was available. He went on to say that the first week in December, the Chamber plans to hire a marketing consultant to help them create a plan of action and budget. He said the Chamber would be happy to share that once it was created.

Deputy City Manager Stilwell responded that the County of San Luis Obispo had been approached for information about their TID. Between 2010 and 2014, they had a TOT increase of over $2 million.

The City of Santa Barbara saw an almost $31 million increase in lodging revenue since 2010-11.

Councilmember Zuniga stated she received input from residents who were concerned that this would raise the TOT without actually putting it on the ballot for a vote. They also expressed concern that the TID would designate too much control over tourism to the Chamber and would fund services already expected of the Chamber. She asked Mr. Morris if there would be timelines and expectations up front allowing for accountability.

Mr. Morris responded that the hotels would actually be running the program and telling the Chamber what to do with the proceeds. The plan will include annual goals and measures which will evaluate the effectiveness of the TID and, if it does not work for everyone, it will be discontinued. The steering committee will be about five to seven members given the size of the hotel industry in Santa Maria. The additional funding will help the Chamber extend marketing efforts to a broader audience outside the region. The hotels are not committed to a five-year timeframe. Each year, they have the option to petition and discontinue the TID if it is not working for them.

Councilmember Zuniga asked if the Chamber would let Council know how the program is working every six months instead of annually.

Mr. Morris responded that the TID would be part of the Chambers regular reports to the City which are more frequent than once a year.

Public Input
Ricardo Herrera, general manager of Fairfield Inn & Suites, commented that he and his management group support the TID and look forward to seeing how it works.

Council Discussion
There was no further discussion of the Council.

Resolution No. 2015-103 was adopted declaring the intent to establish a Santa Maria Tourism Improvement District; and fixing the time and place of public hearings, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon clarified that the first public hearing relating to the TID would be January 5, 2015. He reported the next City Council meeting would be on December 1, 2015 and would include the second reading of the DTSP ordinance and fireworks restriction ordinance that was introduced this evening; a presentation on El Niño and storm preparedness; a public hearing on Recreation and Parks fee programs; and a regular business item on the consumption of alcohol in city parks and facilities.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; a Community Action Commission Board Meeting; a meeting with representatives of the Local 2020 Firefighters; and a meeting with the Executive Director of Aegis to discuss possible solutions to neighbors' concerns.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she attended the Santa Barbara County Economic Action Summit; the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; an interview with the Santa Maria Times regarding her ride-along with the Santa Maria Police Department; a meeting with the Executive Director of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum; a recent Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Teen Court; the Celebration of Life Luncheon; a meeting with the Local 2020 Firefighters; the Chamber of Commerce Veterans Appreciation event; and a Treatment Court Commencement Ceremony.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended the Santa Barbara County Economic Action Summit; a Local Agency Formation Commission meeting in Santa Barbara; the Celebration of Life Luncheon; and the Chamber of Commerce Veterans Appreciation event.

Councilmember Boysen had nothing to report, but reminded everyone of the KCOY turkey drive on Thursday, November 19, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at their studio on McCoy and Skyway, benefiting local non-profits. He invited everyone to drop off a frozen turkey anytime that day.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the North County Sub-regional Meeting; the Air Pollution Control District monthly Board meeting; the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; a presentation Chief Deputy District Attorney Nicola on sex trafficking in the North County; a photography exhibit reception; the Annual Santa Maria Valley Pioneer Association Fall Dinner; a meeting with Ed Cora, Superintendent of Guadalupe Union School District; the Celebration of Life Luncheon; the Michael Clayton Veterans Day Annual Barbecue; the Marian Medical CEO Roundtable; the Veterans

Appreciation Lunch; the Veterans Treatment Court Graduation Ceremony; presented a Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month; and spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 9:30 p.m. to a Closed Session regarding: 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Agency Representative, Deputy City Manager; Employee Organization, Santa Maria Police Officers Association; and 2) Conference with Legal Council – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(1), Environment In The Public Interest, a California non-profit; and San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper v. City of Santa Maria, U.S. District Court, Central Division of California, case no. 2:15-cv-08600.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, regarding Item No. 1, the City Attorney reported direction was given to staff. Regarding Item No. 2, there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

December 1, 2015
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria